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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

GOLDEN TEXT .- Lord, be Thou my helper.

TIME -B. C. 445. Ninety years after the first return, and seventy years after our last lesson.
PLACE.—Susa. or Shusan ("a lily," from the

abundance of lilles in the neighborhood), the

chief of the three capitals of the Persian empire, two hundred infles south of Sebatane, the sum-

mer capital in the mountains. It was two hun

dred and fifty miles east of Babylon, the third capital, and was situated on the Choaspes (modern Kerkhah), a branch of the Tigris. It

was a journey of one thousand miles from Jer-

Esther, and here Daniel spent part of his time

salem, by way of Tadmor. Here lived Queen

RULERS.—Artaxerxes, called Longimaus (or

long-handed), began to reign B.C. 465; reigned till December 17, 423. He was the son of Xerxes,

the Ahasuerus of Esther. Egypt was con-quered and added to the kingdom in his reign. PROPHET -- Malachi, the last of the Old

INTERVENING HISTORY .- During the fifty

seven years between chapters 6 and 7 of Exra belongs the Book of Esther the Queen (473). Then follow the remaining chapters of Exra, with the account of the second return and great

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH is (1) a continua

tion of the book of Ezra, and in the enricest

form of the Jewish canon was joined with it.

(2) The author The main part of this book was doubtless written by Nebemiah, being in

the first person, but portions are evidently

drawn from the state archives, and part is writ ten in the third person, as if by some other his-torian. (3) Time. The narrative of this book

extends over about fourteen years—the first visit of twelve years, and the second visit a year

THE SECTION OF HISTORY includes not only

Neh. I, but Ezra chaps. 7-10, with a glance at

The Second Return, and Reformation

under Ezra. In order to keep in mind

the continuity of the history, and to

understand the mission of Nehemiah, it

is necessary to glance at the work of

been studying his book, yet the history

recorded in that part took place years

before he was born. Fifty-seven years,

intervening between chapters 6 and 7,

pass away without a record, except the

alimpse which the story of Esther gives

us. The new community certainly did

not prosper as well as we should expect:

their religious zeal and patriotism waned, and the people yielded to the

oad influences around them, instead of

being the golden candlestick on which

the divine flame should burn and shine

About B. C. 458, there was a conjunc-

tion of two men, each of whom was the

focus of many providential influences.

These two were like the two carbons of

an electric light, by whose approach

the electric currents can produce a bril-

dant illumination, while each without the other was ineffectual. First, Ezra, the

scribe, who counted among his ancestors

Hilkiah, the priest (7:1), who found the

book of the law in the days of King

Josiah (2 Chron. 34), and traced his de-

great ability. He organized the great

council. He instituted the order of

Scribes. He wrote probably the book

Ezra, and collected the fifth book of the

Psalms. He probably edited the earlier

books of the Bible, so as to be adapted

to the changed condition of the lan-

guage of the people. Ezra was born about B. C. 498 (Rawlinson), 17 years

after the completion of the temple. He

was twenty-four or twenty-five years old

at the time of Esther and the terrible de-

cree of Xerxes for the destruction of the

Babylon, where he lived, and in Judea,

stirred the soul of Ezra. He was a

proposed to go up to Jerusalem with an-

other body of men, to renew and re-

Land. He could not do it under the

Second, Artaxerxes, Longimanus,

'the long-armed," the son and successor

of Xerxes to the throne of Persia, came

to the throne of Persia, B. C. 465. Savce

thinks that the letter from the Jews'

enemies in Palestine, recorded in Ezra

4:7-22, was written to this king, and the

Jewish efforts to rebuild the city of Je-

rusalem were delayed at first (4:23, 24).

But in his fifth year Egypt, which had

been tributary to the Persian empire,

rose in a rebellion which was not sub-

dued for six years. Now Jerusalem was

on the route between Persia and Egypt.

When well fortified it was as Gibraltar.

It would be a great advantage to Arta-

xerxes to have a powerful fortress here

as a center of operations against Egypt

or a solid barrier against her advance

into the east. The colonists were at

present too few and poor to fortify and

Artaxerxes named Ezra for his pur-

poses, and Ezra needed Artaxerxes in

order to accomplish his work. Accord-

ingly, after two years of ineffectual at-

tempts to put down the rebellion, the

king gave Ezra permission to raise vol-

unteers for Jerusalem, and made by a

decree the otherwise surprisingly liber-

al offers and contributions of money

and supplies recorded in Ezra 7:11-28.

Even their enemies were compelled to

help them on pain of death, banish-

ment, or confiscation of their property.

ing men (Ezra 8:1-20); but with the

women and children the number must

have been 6,000 or 7,000. They carried

up as freewill offerings for the temple,

from the king and his nobles, gold and

silver to the amount of \$3,000,000 (if the

talents named are the Persian talents

weighing fifty-seven pounds avoirdu-

arrived in July (7:9), after a four

-The word of God is eternal. As it

comes from the unchangeable One, it

cannot change. As it comes from in

finite wisdom, it cannot fail to be

adapted to its purposes. As it is sent on a infinite errand, it cannot fail to

accomplish the purpose of him who

-In the morning fix thy good pur-

pose, and at night examine thyself what

thou hast done, and how thou hast be-haved thyself in word, deed and

thought; for in these perhaps thou hast

oftentimes offended both God and thy

sends it.-United Presbyterian.

neighbor.-Thomas a Kempis.

months' journey

They started in March (458) and

Ezra's company numbered 1,500 lead-

defend the position.

weak and capricious Xerves.

into the surrounding darkness.

Testament prophets.

reformation under Ezra.

International Lesson for February 18, 1893 — Nehemlah's Prayer — Neh. Remarkable Career of Billy Carroll, a Convict.

> He Killed a Georgetown Pank Watchman and While Serving a Life Term He slew a Fellow Prisoner—Finally He is Restored to Light and Liberty

COLUMBUS, Feb. 6.-The penalty of solitary confinement for life imposed upon Murderer George Jones at the penitentiary Saturday calls to mind the wonderful experience of Billy Carroll, the noted convict, who occupied a living tomb for nearly twenty years. Not since Carroll was pardoned by Gov. Foraker, on Thanksgiving day, 1889, has the punishment of solitary confinement for any length of time been inflicted at the Ohio state prison. Carroll's case is one of the most dramatic and intensely interesting within the criminal annals of the state. The crime which brought him behind prison bars was the robbery of the treasury of Brown county and the murder of the watchman, an old man named Adam Rose. It was committed October 31, 1866. The job was done by Samuel Huling, John H. Benton, David Jones and William Carroll, all desperate crooks. They were discovered in the act of blowing the safe by the old watchman and shot him dead in order to escape. They fied to Cincinnati, where all but Huling were captured a few days later. A possof deputy sheriffs started for Georgetown with the prisoners, Peter McCormick of New Richmond being in charge of Carroll. McCormick's man got away from him at New Richmond, and every effort to retake him proved The others were sent up for futile. Ezra, the scribe. For though we have terms ranging from five to fifteen years, and in the meantime a large reward was offered for Carroll, who was supposed to have done the shooting. For about a year nothing was heard of him, and then the authorities learned that a man in Illinois answered the description of the fugitive. The suspect proved to be Edwin W. Smith, a prosperous citizen of Joliet, and his arrest for the Brown county murder caused a great sensation. He waived all formalities and came willingly to Ohio, as he said, to show the people that he was not the man. Despite a strong defense Carroll was convicted and senlenced to life imprisonment for the

murder of old Adam Rose. In Decemper, 1870, Carroll killed another man. His victim was James Rothe, a Hamilton county convict and fellow prisoner with Carroll. The crime was the reult of a quarrel over the ownership of a patent that Carroll had conceived. For this he was taken out of prison and tried. Upon conviction he received the remarkable senscent back to Aaron. He was a man of tence of ten years in addition to the life term he was already serving. When he was taken back to the penitentiary Warden Dean imposed the penalty of Chronicles, as well as the book of of solitary confinement for life upon Carroll, as it was feared his ungovernable temper would result in still another tragedy if he was allowed to mingle with the other prisoners. The cell occupied by Carroll for nineteen years was about four feet wide, seven feet long and eight feet high. never stepped outside of this little hole in the stone wall for nearly a quarter of a century. He was an inventive Jews. The condition of affairs both at genius, and managed to while away the dreary hours and days and years in works of mechanism. During his thorough student of the Bible, especialimprisonment he invented a car-heater and several other valuable apparatuses ly of the law of Moses (7:6-10), and God had filled his heart with a desire to for railroads. His cell was in the east teach the law to the people. Hence he wing of the prison and almost in the shadow of the annex. Carroll used to say that he did not mind his confine ment so much as the executions going form the feeble nation in the Holy on in the death chamber. There was always great doubts in the minds of the public as to whether the Edwin Smith arrested at Joliet, Ills., was the Billy Carroll who played the leading role in the Brown county tragedy, and upon the discovery of strong evidence that it was not a case of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Gov. Foraker granted the celebrated prisoner his liberty. Mrs Foraker had become deeply interested in the case, and on Thanksgiving morning of that memorable day in Carroll's strange career, she drove up to the penitentiary gate in the gubernational carriage. Alighting she carried to Warden Coffin the pardon, and was the first to congratulate Carroll when he walked out a free man.

# DAMAGING EVIDENCE

Against Jack Clifford-What He Lid Duri.g the Homestead Riot. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 6.-Criminal court was again crowded Saturday long before the trial of Jack Clifford, charged with murder, was resumed.

Several clerks and other employes of the Carnegie Co. testified to seeing Jack Clifford in and about the mill during the fight of July 6. Some of them said he was engaged in making and throwing dynamite bombs at the barges. Others saw him throwing ignited bottles filled with oil; others said he carried a can of powder into the pump house, where the cannon was planted; that he acted as a leader to the mob and die-

tated the terms of surrender. Several other witnesses testified to see ing Clfford at various times and places during the day. Some said he was engaged in taking dynamite sticks from a ox, handing it to others who walked to the shore and throw the sticks at the barges. Others said they saw him among the excited crowd on the shore, but did not see him doing anything. They did not at that time know his

Death of Mrs. Wm. C. Whit :ey. NEW YORK, Feb. 6. - The death of Mrs. Wm. C. Whitney, which occurred rather unexpectedly at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, came as a shock to the innumerable people in this city and elsewhere to whom she had endeared herself by her graciousness, and who admired her for

her talents. Then there was an expectation until the last forty-eight hours that she would rally from the attack that finally proved fatal. Her disease was heart trouble. During her illness Mr. Whitney was constantly at his wife's bed-side, and she died painless and in her husband's arms.

### OHIO LEGISLATURE.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 31.—SENATE—The senate transacted no business Monday, spending the thirty minutes of its session in a fruitless dision of the errors of clerks.

House-Mr. Clark introduced a bill creating a state department of banks. The department shall be presided over by a superintendent, to be appointed by the governor for a term of four years, who shall receive a salary of \$3,000 to year. The bill also amends and codifies the building association laws, as to bring them under the supervision of the proposed superintend-ent of banks. Mr. Lillard introduced a bill providing for striking out the imprisonment fea-tures of the law prohibiting the sale of pools and policies. Mr. Harshbarger introduced a bill to make one-thousand-mile railway tickets transferable and good for any number of fares, not exceed ng five. Mr. Griffin introduced a bill providing that marriage shall not terminate a woman's guardianship or right to act as ad-ministratiz. Representative Strock intro-duced a bill propared by Secretary of State S. M. Taylor, amending the statutes so as to require the vote of three judges of elections to reject a ballot after an oath has been taken by the voter, and further providing that any per-son in the employ of the state may vote in the precinct in which he resided at the time of his election or appointment.

COLUMBUS, Feb. I.—SENATE—An important step was taken by the senate Tuesday after-noon toward the taxation of corporate franchises. On motion of Mr. Van Cleaf the com-mittee on finance was directed to provide a bill or bills providing for the taxation of all "prop erty, business or subjects' not now listed for taxation. Two important Dayton bills were enacted into laws. One of them authorizes the city to issue bonds in the sum of \$200,000 for street improvements. The other extends the annual sessions of the city board of equaliza-tion to six instead of four months. Hereafter the sessions of the board will begin February I instead of May I. A number of other local bills

House. Organized labor fought and won a notable battle in the house. The contention was over the Thomas bill, which provides that all coal mined shall be weighed before being screened. Bills introduced: Making railroad companies liable for loss on account of fire originating from sparks, along their right of originating from sparks along their right of way; amending section 2285 so as to provide that upon payment of special assessments a receipt from the contractor shall operate as a release of lein: to correct abuses in the way of re taining wages from minors and to prevent them from being deprived of their earnings by unscrupulous employers. Several bills were in-

COLUMBUS, Feb. 2.-SENATE-Both the sen ate and house took things very easy Wednesday and permitted the wheels of legislation to move with dignified slowness. Several bills changing names of persons were passed and a few incon-sequently local measures were placed on the books. The senate passed the house bill, making it a misdemeanor to loiter on the grounds of the Giris' Industrial home or to entice away inmates thereof. The bill is now a law. The senate bill permitting referees to report to the probate as well as the common pleas court was

House—In the house Mr. Workman's bill providing for a board of arbitration, to be ap-pealed to in case of differences between em-ployers and employes, was passed, and the joint resolution of Mr. Daugherty providing for the apportionment by the governor of a commission to devise a system of taxation was adopted. COLUMBUS, Feb. 3.—SENATE—The senate has

passed the partial appropriation bill practical-ly as it came from the house, with the exception of striking out the item of \$1,500 for the exhibit of the board of charities at the World's fair, which it was thought best to put in the general bill with the other World's fair appropriations. The Abbott bill, requiring street railway com-panies to protect their motormen from the in-clemencies of the weather, by equipping their cars with screens, has passed the senate. The senate passed the bill introduced in the house, making the usual appropriations for the support of the common schools. Other bills passed: Authorizing the appointment of trus-tees to execute testamentary trusts where the wills name no trustees; providing that physi-cians must give notice within twelve hours to health officers, of contagious diseases coming under their notice, under penalty of fines of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50. less than \$10 nor more than \$50.

House-Bills passed: To authorize assessors to kill dogs when taxes are not paid. Prohibiting bankers, brokers, etc., from acting as notaries in public matters in which they are directly interested. A bill of Mr. Van Cieaf, that has passed the senate has become a law by the action of the house to-day. It makes it mandatory upon county auditors to publish the delinquent tax lists between the 20th of December and the second Tuesday in January, in an English and one German paper.

COLUMPUS, Feb. 4.—SENATE—Friday was bill

day and forty of them were introduced in both houses. Only seventeen senators answered the call of the roll in the morning, and consequent ly but little business was transacted. It was for this reason that Senator McMaken sug-gested that during the remainder of the session the senators should pick out the bills of the habitual absentees and assign them to the calworking quorum on that day. The only general bill considered was one by Mr. Weybrecht, the unseated member from Stark, which makes applicable to township trustees the law proinancial interest in any contract awarded by

HOUSE—Among the many bills intro uced in the house were the following: To regulate electric light companies and compel them to place wires under ground: to abolish the board of reto amend the Russell law: to empty jury wheels once per year; governing the mode of advertising execution sales; governing convict labor; to appropriate \$0,000 for the publication of vol. 7 of the Geology of Ohio; providing when husband and wife may testify against each other: providing that county commission-ers may allow sheep claims at the regular meetings instead of at the September session only to pay a deficiency at the Boys' Industrial

JACK MAXWELL, formerly of Cadiz, was working on the Pan Handle track the other night. A freight passed and stopped at a street crossing in Jewett and was cut in two; the rear end of the train getting away from the brakemen, ran over Maxwell, who was unconscious of danger, killing him without warn-

A NEW post office has been established at the Glen Nell coal works, three miles north of Coalton, and which has been christened Wilcox, in honor of Hon. Robert Wilcox, president of the company. Wm. J. Emmons will probably receive the appointment of postmaster

PRESIDENT SAUL, of the Ohio South ern, announced the other afternoon that his road and the Pan Handle had decided to build a belt road at Springfield and run through trains from Cipcinnati to Lima as soon as the Ohio Southern extension is completed.

THE wife of Chaplain W. R. Dudley, of the Ohio penitentiary, died of con-sumption. She was 33 and a native of Williamsburg.

SMALL-pox took a new start at Akron the other day, six new cases being re-ported. Thus far nearly fifty cases and ten deaths have occurred. All the cases reported recently are in quarantined

A vicious mastiff, owned by William White, of Gallagher, near Zanesville, the other day attacked Mr. White's eightyear-old son, terribly lacerating his head and face. It is feared the boy can not recover.

LOUM LUP SUIR, a Chinaman, was arrested at No. 28 Prospect street, Cleveland, on a charge of entering the United States in violation of the Chinese exclu-

SHE HEARD MANY VOICES. Her Ears Were Out of Focus, But Her

Case Was Not Singular. A few days ago a well-known teacher of singing presented herself to a physi-cian, says the Mahogany Tree, and, in irritated tone of voice, said: "Doctor, I wish you would tell me what alls me. I hear fifty voices every time anyone speaks to me."

The doctor looked at her a moment and then replied: "Madam, you probably hear two." "I am sure," persisted the teacher, "that I hear twenty." "Two," stoically replied the doctor; and he picked up a tuning fork, touched it and applied it to her ear. "What note is that?" he asked. She told him; and he gave her the same pitch in the other "And that?" And, bekeld! it sounded a minor third lower.

"As I told you," said the medicine "you are suffering from a de pression of the nerves in one ear." To use a homely but significant misapplication of terms, her ears were out of focus. The teacher was in great distress. "It does not hurt, and it does not show," she complained, "but I could better afford to have rheumatic fever. Did anyone ever have it before?"

The doctor laughed. "Bless your heart, madam," he said, "as many as twenty of the Symphony orchestra men had the same affliction last winter."

Think of the possibilities of the spread of such a disease! Singers sing out of tune, players wander from the pitch, and it may not be their fault. Their ears may be out of focus. Critics suffering from the same disastrous affliction may wrongfully accuse per-formers. All differences of opinion may be due to this auricular depression. The humorous possibilities arising from the existence of such a complaint are very suggestive. It will appear in the light of a boomerang to both artist and

OLD IN HALF AN HOUR.

Animalculæ That Live Fifty Generation in a Day.

The ephemerids, tiny-winged insects, which were said to be born in the morning, to be in the prime of life at noon, and to be in extreme old age at sunset, are put completely in the shade by the group of animalculæ which Dr. Dallinger has been investigating, and which he has named saccophytic. So inconceivably small are these creatures that six million of them could be placed on the severed end of a hair of medium thickness.

The function of the group is to play the part of scavengers. They breed in dead organic matter, breaking up the tissue in order to set free the gases and other elements of which it is composed. No fiction can be stranger and more wonderful than the true story of the life of these invisible creatures. When born, by the process of fissures from the parent body, they are tiny specks of egg-shaped protoplasm. Minute by minute they grow larger. Then the bodies are quartered, as it were, by the appearance of a lengthwise and erosswise fissure; further fissures are speedily carried diagonally through the divisions of the cross. Then a third series of fissures is carried through the diagonals. The next process is a kind of twist, that gives the fissures a graceful curve. Last of all, the body of the creature breaks up entirely, and each section between the fissures becomes a complete creature itself, and commences the same round of existence.

The whole of these changes, from the separation of a new creature from the parent body till itself breaks up in the same manner, takes place within half an hour.

In Heaven With His Boys

WASHINGTON, Jan 28 .- A pathetic incident of Mr. Blaine's last moments is told by a prominent Maine representative, who was at the house just after the end came. He says that while Mr. Blaine was sinking, but before he had entirely lost consciousness, Mrs. Blaine bent over the dying man and said to him: "Do you remember Walker and Emmons? Do you know that you are going where they are?" Mr. Blaine did not open his eyes, but the index finger of his outstretched hand slowly and feebly raised itself to point upward. This was the last indication given by the dying man of any knowledge of earthly things.

Pardoned by the President. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 28 .- Charles H. Bullard, a federal prisoner at the penitentiary, was released Friday on a pardon from President Harrison, granted in consideration of the convict being a victim of an incurable disease. Bullard's crime was a murder committed in Arkansas

Crushed Under Her Horse. PARKE RSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 28. - While Miss Rebecca Johnson, of Cow Creek, Pleasant county, was riding home from

church with a young man her horse began to plunge and rear, and finally fell back ward upon the young lady, inflicting injuries from which she can not re-Lindsay Will Succeed Carlisle.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 28.—The senatorial race is over. McCreary and Stone withdrew Friday afternoon, and Lindsay has a walk-over. It has been known for several days that the two congress men were hoping against hope in their endeavor to beat Lindsay.

An Unusual Order.

WASHINGTON. Jan. 28. - The order of the president closing the executive department in Washington is an unusua recognition on the occasion of the death of a public man who has not held the office of president

Shot Himself Full of Nails.

RENO, Minn., Jan. 28 .- John M. Mentis, a well-to-do farmer near here, attempted suicide by shooting himself with a rifle loaded with nails. He is still alive but can not live. Disappointed in love.

Emperor William's Birthday. BERLIN, Jan. 28.-The thirty-fourth anniversary of Emperer William's birthday was celebrated Friday with the customary serenudes, parades and court

ception





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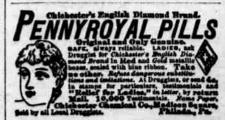
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